



# SUMMER CAMPS

# 2015



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Week long day camps beginning  
June 1 through August 12  
For kids ages 3-14



# WHY CHOOSE ZOO CAMPS

Imagine your child touching a brilliant blue-and-gold macaw, studying an African giant millipede, or just hanging out with a two-toed sloth! At Zoo Camp, your child will have incredibly unique opportunities just like these. In today's world, when schools are increasingly challenged and the time children spend in nature is more limited than ever, Zoo Camps can give your child the extra boost he or she will love. Our talented Zoo Educators will guide your child on the path to scientific and self-discovery through hands-on STEM activities, science explorations, games, crafts, and personal encounters with our amazing Animal Ambassadors!

Join us this summer and give your child the educational opportunity of a lifetime...just don't be surprised when she's too busy having fun and making friends to notice how much she's learned.



## Zoo Camps are structured and follow a basic format.

Each week addresses a theme, with each day focusing on a different element of the theme. A typical day at Zoo Camp includes games, crafts, science explorations, exhibit tours, and several encounters with our education Animal Ambassadors. Children are encouraged, but never required, to touch animals whenever it is safe and appropriate. Behind-the-scenes access and feeding/training demonstrations are also included whenever available.

*A Sample Day at a full-day Young EDventurers Camp (half-day camps follow a similar morning schedule):*

(7:30-9:00)	OPTIONAL Extended Care Service
9:00-9:15	Welcome, Introduce the day's topic
9:15-10:00	Animal Encounter and a Science Exploration, Activity, or Craft
10:00-10:15	Snack
10:15-10:45	Outdoor Group Game
10:45-11:15	Program Discussion and Animal Encounter
11:15-12:00	Science Exploration, Activity or Craft
12:00-1:00	Lunch and Free Play Recess at the SIA Playground
1:00-1:30	Cool Down with Educational Video
1:30-2:30	Behind-the Scenes Tour
2:30-3:45	Animal Encounters, Science Explorations, Activities or Crafts
3:45-4:00	Review and Wrap-Up
(4:00-5:30)	OPTIONAL Extended Care

## A Typical Day at Zoo Camp





# Little Cub Camps

## Zoo Rainbow

June 1 - 3

9am - 12pm

The animal world is full of beautiful colors. We'll meet brilliant birds, mottled mammals, and color-changing creatures, too! Children will learn how animals in the wild use their special colors for blending in and standing out.

## Animal Opposites

June 15 -17

9am - 12pm

Animals are a great way to introduce little learners to the concept of opposites. We will explore big and small, fast and slow, day and night, all while meeting some amazing zoo animals!

## Dinosaur Roar

June 29 - July 1

9am - 12pm

Do you have a little one that's crazy for dinosaurs? Treat them to Dinosaur Roar camp! We'll spend three days learning all about different kinds of dinosaurs and fossils. Plus, we'll conduct our own excavation and meet living descendants of the extinct creatures.

## Animal Jamboree

August 8 -10

9am - 12pm

Together we'll explore animal sounds, movements, and play styles. Through imagination play and live animal encounters this camp will bring out the wild side in your little one!

## Underground Wonders

July 13-15

9am - 12pm

Come explore life underground as we study the champion diggers and burrowers of the world. We'll get a first-hand look at what life is like for prairie dogs, burrowing snakes, insects, and many more that make there living beneath our very feet.

## Jungle Journey

July 27 - 29

9am - 12pm

Follow us into the misty jungle of our Education Center - some imagination required! Children will learn all about life in this fascinating habitat. We'll meet some fascinating animals, too! Parrots, tree frogs, sloth

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# Young EDventurers I Camps

HALF DAY

## Animal Families

June 8 - 12

9am - 12pm

Is a lizard related to a bird? Do amphibians lay eggs? What makes mammals so unique? At Animal Families camp we'll answer these questions and many more! By exploring the ways scientists classify living things, we'll learn which characteristics animal families share and what sets each group apart.



## Animal Grossology

July 20 - 24 9am - 12pm

Animals can be delightfully disgusting, but here at the Zoo we never say "Ew!" We say "How interesting!" Come explore some fascinating funk and learn the science behind it all. We'll conduct scholarly examinations of mucus, feces, flatulation, decomposition, and much, much, more!

## Dr. Zoolittle

June 22 - 26

9am - 12pm

Zoo veterinarians have a very important job! Taking care of so many different animals can be a challenge, especially when they can't tell you what's wrong. Campers will learn about what it takes to keep zoo animals healthy and happy and explore some of the special ways zoo vets and zookeepers "talk" to the animals in their care.

## Jaws, Paws & Claws

August 3 - 7

9am - 12pm

What makes an animal an effective hunter? How do prey animals avoid being caught? We'll study amazing adaptations in the never-ending race between predators and prey. Come discover what determines whether an animal gets its meal - or becomes one!



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Extended  
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# Young EDventurers | Camps

FULL DAY



## Habitat Safari

June 1 - 5

9am - 4pm

We'll study scorching deserts, frozen tundras, tropical rainforests, and more to discover what it takes to survive and thrive on Planet Earth! Come learn what qualities animals need in their habitat to survive, while gaining a new perspective on sharing our own habitat with wildlife.

## American Adventure

June 29 - July 3

9am - 4pm

Spend your Independence Day week learning all about the amazing wildlife of our American home! We'll explore the major ecological regions of our country, discover some Native American views on wildlife, and meet some CPZ residents with native roots of their own. Focusing on living cooperatively with wildlife both here and abroad, campers will learn about important ways to help animals right here in our own backyard!

## Animals on the Move

June 15 - 19

9am - 4pm

Come explore some amazing animal movements at Animals on the Move camp! Gibbons who brachiate through the rainforest canopy at top speed, snakes that climb (without hands or feet!), rodents that can leap 6 feet straight in the air - these are just some of the fascinating features we'll explore. Campers will also study the mysteries of animal migration and take part in their own migration obstacle course!

## Zoo Durnit?

July 13 - 17

9am - 4pm

Become a Zoo Sleuth this summer! Using scientific methods and deductive reasoning skills, campers will explore a variety of animal related mysteries. Using clues like fur strands, tracks, and other impressions living things leave behind, we'll discover the critical role evidence plays in solving a mystery.

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# Young EDventurers II Camps

## Extreme Animals

June 8 - 12

9am - 4pm

This camp goes beyond the ordinary to discover some truly extraordinary members of the animal kingdom - animals that take their adaptations to the extreme! We'll meet animals of extreme size, age, abilities, and more while exploring some amazing animal talents, too.

## Animal Expeditions

July 6 - 10

9am - 4pm

From the jungles of South America to the savannahs of Africa to the great Australian Outback - we'll take a day camp trip around the world! Each camp day focuses on a different continent or region. By studying the culture and history of each region along with its native wildlife, campers will gain a deeper understanding of today's hottest conservation issues.

## Wild Design

July 20 - 24

9am - 4pm

Our most popular camp! Imagine what it would be like if YOU ran the ZOO. Campers will get a first-hand look at what it takes to design a successful zoo - exhibits, animal health care, diet preparation, training, and more. Plus, campers will have the chance to go behind the scenes in some of the Zoo's new and historic areas.

## Science Alive!

June 22 - 26

9am - 4pm

Become a Junior Biologist as we explore the science of living things at Science Alive camp! We'll learn about the core ideas of biology and ecology, and how these scientific principles can be used in the zoo setting. Topics include animal physiology and nutrition, psychology and animal behavior, and the important role of zoos in wildlife conservation. And of course, we'll do it all surrounded by living things!

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## Survivor: Planet Earth

August 3 - 7

9am - 4pm

Which species will survive the next mass extinction? You decide! In this camp, students will learn why some animal species go extinct while others flourish and what role humans can play in saving their favorite endangered species. We'll study the factors that influence animal survival, including competition and adaptability, and explore some of the major conservation challenges of the world today in a hopeful, empowering way.



Yes, this  
sloth is  
picking his  
nose.

FULL DAY



# Zoo Explorers

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## **Hungry Animal Games (a Hunger Games-inspired camp)** **July 6 - 10 9am - 4pm**

It's survival of the fittest in this exciting camp! Through a series of modeled and theoretical competitive activities, utilizing up-close encounters with live animals, campers will explore concepts of adaptation and selection as they relate to species survival and wildlife conservation. Will your species survive in the arena of a climate-changing Earth? Join us for the Hungry Animal Games to see if the odds are in your favor!

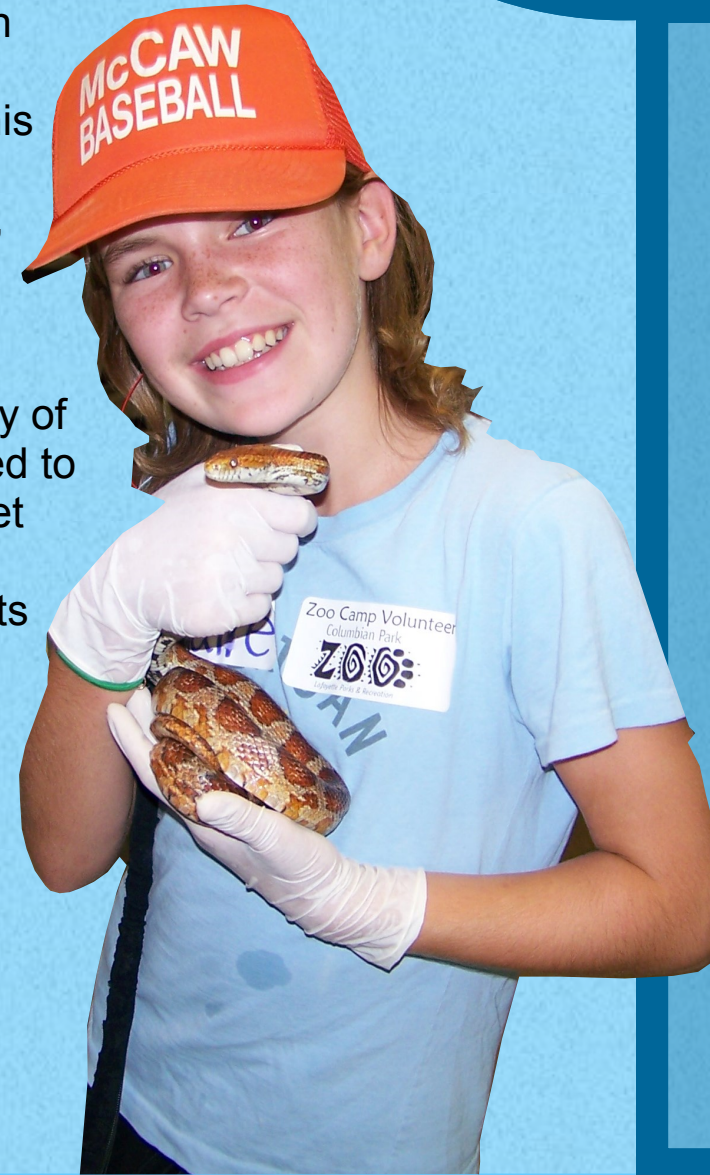
*Disclaimer: no animals or children will be harmed in the making of this camp.*

## **A Week in the Life of a Zookeeper July 27 - 31 9am - 4pm**

Interested in a career working with animals? This week-long camp provides young teens with a sneak peek at zoo operations. Students with a strong interest in animals will benefit from the hands-on learning experience this camp provides. Topics include animal husbandry, conservation, public education, and customer service.

Participants will perform a variety of safe and supervised tasks related to animal care, including animal diet preparation, enclosure cleaning, grooming, and exercise. Students work in small groups throughout the week to research, design, and deliver an enrichment item for one of the animals in the Zoo's collection.

Getting dirty has never been so much fun!



## **Junior Zookeeper (JZK) Program Ages 14-17**

Have a teen too old for summer camps but still an animal fan? We've got something for them, too! The JZK program is a summer-long teen volunteer program designed to give students with an interest in wildlife careers a hands-on learning opportunity, mentorship, and on-the-job experience.

A competitive program, each year many students ages 14 - 17 apply and participate in interviews. Accepted candidates complete weekend training sessions in April and May.

JZKs volunteer 8 hours per week over summer vacation, working alongside zookeepers and acquiring new skills.

**Applications are due March 2, 2015.**

If you are interested in more information about the JZK Program contact Courtney Nave, JZK Coordinator at (765) 807-1543.

## Overnight Adventure Camp



## **Biomimicry: Nature-Inspired Technology June 19-20 5:00pm Fri – 11am Sat**

A new generation of scientists and engineers are using nature as a muse with an approach called biomimicry. Campers will get an introduction to this emerging field and find design inspiration in a variety of plants and animals. We'll reverse-engineer a living organism and look towards solving real-life problems with nature's sustainable solutions. *Evening and morning activity sessions. Campers sleep in the DeFouw Education Center.*



# Other Things to Know

## Camp Fees

Full payment is required at the time of registration. Receipts will be given on the first day of camp, unless otherwise requested. The following fees are per child, per camp. FOCPZ denotes membership in Friends of Columbian Park Zoo discounted fees.

**Little Cub Camps** - \$60 (\$53 FOCPZ)

**Young EDventurers I & II Camps**

*Half Day Camps* - \$80 (\$73 FOCPZ)

*Full Day Camps* - \$120 (\$113 FOCPZ)

**Zoo Explorers Camps**

*Full Day Camps* - \$135 (\$128 FOCPZ)

*Overnight Adventure Camp* - \$60 (\$53 FOCPZ)

Included in your fee: all materials and supplies, keepsake photo, daily snack, and workbook. Overnight camp includes dinner and breakfast.

## Extended Care

An optional Extended Care service is available for Young EDventurers camp sessions only.

Morning care: 7:30-9:00am

Afternoon care: 4:00-5:30pm

A flat fee of \$20 per child, per week applies to full day camps and includes both morning and afternoon sessions. Half-day camps offer morning only care for \$10 per child, per week. Extended Care provides supervision only and is not instructional time. Once selected the service can be used as much or as little as needed.

## Are You a Member Yet?

Members of Friends of Columbian Park Zoo (FOCPZ) receive a special discount on camp fees and priority registration! If you are already a member, be sure to include your membership number and apply your discount when registering. If not, consider joining today.

Join online at

[www.columbianparkzoo.org](http://www.columbianparkzoo.org).

## Lunch and Snacks

A daily snack will be provided for all camps and may include crackers, pretzels, fruit, or other similar items, along with water. You may choose to pack an alternate snack. Parents of full-day campers are expected to pack a lunch for their child daily. Please avoid including nut-based food items due to allergy concerns. Refrigeration and reheating are not available. We encourage children to bring a litterless lunch and a reusable plastic cup or water bottle.

## Allergy Alert

All allergies should be disclosed on the registration form. Indicate if food allergies are environmental or ingestion-only. **Please note that Zoo facilities are NOT peanut-free or latex-free.** Despite our best efforts, we cannot guarantee your child will not be exposed to an allergen. Although contact allergies with zoo animals are rare, please discuss any previous animal-related allergies with Zoo staff prior to camp.

## Camp Location

All camps have home base in the DeFouw Education Center on Zoo grounds. Drop-off and pick-up using the Education Programs gate in the Wallace Street parking lot. During a typical camp day, participants will take excursions outside to visit zoo exhibits, go behind-the-scenes, and take advantage of the beautiful Columbian Park setting.





# Education Programs Participation Agreement

In consideration of the applicant's reservation of a Columbian Park Zoo event, the parties hereby agree as follows:

## Rules and Regulations:

**Severe environmental allergies to common zoo items (peanuts, latex, etc.) must be brought to Zoo staff attention at the time of registration. We will make reasonable accommodations whenever possible.**

**If your child has special needs, please discuss them with the Zoo Education Staff in advance so that we can help make the experience a success.**

**A completed, current Emergency Contact Information, Medical Authorization and Release Agreement must be submitted prior to participation. This form must be signed by a legal parent or guardian.**

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

Refunds will be made if notification of cancellation is received fourteen (14) days or more prior to the event. A cancellation fee of \$15 applies per camp cancellation event. The Zoo reserves the right to cancel an event or program due to insufficient registration with full refunds and notification. Columbian Park Zoo reserves the right to cancel any program without refund for the following reasons: inclement weather which would compromise the health or safety of the animals and/or Zoo staff members; guidelines set by Zoo staff at presentation are not respected and/or followed.

- Class size is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is required.
- Registration and payment must be received at least 48 hours prior to the start of any program. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Columbian Park Zoo staff.
- Due to the volume of registrations received, the Columbian Park Zoo does not send registration confirmations in the mail. Please plan to attend your session unless you are notified otherwise.
- If the program you have selected is full, you will be notified by phone so you may choose another session, be placed on a wait list, or request a refund.
- Only registered and paid individuals may participate in class activities, including animal encounters.
- Children registered for drop-off sessions must be fully-toilet trained. Parents are permitted to stay with children who do not meet this specification.
- Parents will be notified if disciplinary issues arise. Columbian Park Zoo reserves the right to exclude individuals from future participation if disciplinary issues are not resolved.
- Participation in any Columbian Park Zoo event grants permission for the City of Lafayette to use photos, videos and other images of the participant in promotional materials, including website use.



# How to Register

## It's easy to register for summer camps at Columbian Park Zoo!

1. Download a Camp Registration Form at [www.columbianparkzoo.org](http://www.columbianparkzoo.org)
2. Read the full Participation Agreement included with the packet.
3. Fill out the forms and attach your payment (checks payable to Lafayette Parks and Recreation)
4. Return it to us in one of 3 easy ways:

### Mail-In

Columbian Park Zoo  
Education Department  
1915 Scott Street  
Lafayette, IN 47905

### Fax-In

With a Mastercard or  
Visa number, fax your  
completed form to:

**(765) 807-1547**

### Walk-In

Lafayette Parks and  
Recreation Office  
1915 Scott Street  
(located on the water just behind the  
Rush Pavilion)

**Questions?**  
Call us at  
(765) 807-1540

*Camps fill fast—register early!*

